

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MICHAEL KAPLAN,

Plaintiff(s),

v.

COMEDY PARTNERS,

Defendant(s).

22-CV-9355 (DEH)

NOTICE OF REASSIGNMENT

DALE E. HO, United States District Judge:

This case has been reassigned to the undersigned. All counsel must familiarize themselves with the Court's Individual Practices, which are available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-dale-e-ho>. Unless and until the Court orders otherwise, all prior orders, dates, and deadlines shall remain in effect notwithstanding the case's reassignment.

Additionally, by **October 27, 2023**, the parties are hereby ORDERED to file on ECF a joint letter updating the Court on the status of the case. The joint letter shall provide the following information, to the extent it is relevant, in separate paragraphs:

1. Names of counsel and current contact information, if different from the information currently reflected on the docket;
2. A brief statement of the nature of the case and/or the principal defenses thereto;
3. A brief explanation of why jurisdiction and venue lie in this Court. In any action in which subject matter jurisdiction is founded on diversity of citizenship pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 1332, the letter must explain the basis for the parties' belief that diversity of citizenship exists. Where any party is a corporation, the letter shall state both the place of incorporation and the principal place of business. In cases where any party is a partnership, limited

partnership, limited liability company, or trust, the letter shall state the citizenship of each of the entity's members, shareholders, partners, and/or trustees;

4. A statement of all existing deadlines, due dates, and/or cut-off dates;
5. A statement of any previously-scheduled conference dates with the Court that have not yet occurred and the matters that were to be discussed;
6. A brief description of any outstanding motions, including the date of the motion and the nature of the relief sought;
7. A statement and description of any pending appeals;
8. A detailed statement of all discovery undertaken to date, including how many depositions each party has taken and what, if any, discovery remains that is essential for the parties to engage in meaningful settlement negotiations;
9. A brief description of the status of prior settlement discussions, including the mediation scheduled on September 19, 2023 (see Doc. 34), without disclosing exact offers and demands;
10. An estimate of the length of trial; and
11. Any other information that the parties believe may assist the Court in advancing the case to settlement or trial, including, but not limited to, a description of any dispositive or novel issue raised by the case.

If this case has been settled or otherwise terminated, counsel are not required to submit such letter or to appear, provided that a stipulation of discontinuance, voluntary dismissal, or other proof of termination is filed on the docket prior to the joint letter submission deadline, using the appropriate ECF Filing Event. *See* SDNY ECF Rules & Instructions §§ 13.17-13.19, available at http://nysd.uscourts.gov/ecf_filing.php. Requests for extensions or adjournment

may be made only by letter-motion filed on ECF, and must be received at least two business days before the deadline or scheduled appearance, absent compelling circumstances. The written submission must state (1) the original date(s) set for the appearance or deadline(s) and the new date(s) requested; (2) the reason(s) for the request; (3) the number of previous requests for adjournment or extension; (4) whether these previous requests were granted or denied; and (5) whether opposing counsel consents, and, if not, the reasons given by opposing counsel for refusing to consent.

The status conference scheduled for December 1, 2023, is **ADJOURNED to December 6, 2023, at 11:00 A.M.** The conference will be held via Microsoft Teams. The parties should dial in by calling (646) 453-4442 and entering the Phone Conference ID: 578 260 176, followed by the pound (#) sign.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 13, 2023
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Ho", written over a horizontal line.

DALE E. HO
United States District Judge